(b) The NHRC had taken cognizance of a complaint alleging human rights violation in an incident of killing of a persons in the Batla House encounter on 1.1.2001. The matter was however, closed by the Commission on 30.5.2001 after considering a report in this regard.

(c) and (d) The NHRC had made some suggestions for amending the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. The proposed amendments relate to structure and powers of the Commission, constitution of State Human Rights Commission, transfer of complaints/inquiries to State Commission etc. These suggestions are being examined by the Government.

Making North-Eastern Council a functional body

3246. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to convert the North-Eastern Council as a functional body instead of advisory one;

(b) whether it is a fact that the NEC has taken up works which are not of regional interest; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir. However, NEC (Amendment) Bill, 1998 in the modified form intends to make NEC more effective.

(b) Yes, Sir. NEC has taken up some projects which are not of regional nature.

(c) The decision has been taken by the Council.

Arrival of refugees in India

†3247. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the country-wise details regarding the number of refugees arrived in India;

(b) the amount spent by India on refugees during the last decade;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.